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Docket No.: VER-110XX**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CATALYST FOR THE SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS TO ELEMENTAL SULFUR, METHOD FOR THE REPARATION OF SUCH A CATALYST, AND METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS TO ELEMENTAL SULFUR

The specification of which (check one):

[] is attached hereto. [X] was filed 3 September 1998 as Application No. 09/142,309, amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, USC §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
<u>1002524</u> (Number)	<u>the Netherlands</u> (Country)	<u>4 March 1996</u> (Day/Month/Year)
		[X] [] Yes No
<u>PCT/NL97/00108</u> (Number)	<u>WIPO</u> (Country)	<u>4 March 1997</u> (Day/Month/Year)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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